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CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8 P. M.—Sophomore Dance.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

8 P. M.—Concert in aid of the Red Cross. Taylor Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

8 P. M.—Vespers. Speaker, F. Kellogg, '16.
8 P. M.—Chapel. Christmas Service with Special Music. Preacher, Father Officer, O.H.C.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Christmas Vacation begins at one o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

Christmas Vacation ends at 9 A. M.
7:30—Bible Class. The Rev. C. Deems.
9:30—Mid-week Meeting of the C. A. Leader, A. Werner, '16.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

8 P. M.—Lecture under the auspices of the Philosophical Club, by Dr. Charles M. Bakewell, of Yale.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

8 P. M.—Lecture under the auspices of the College Equal Suffrage League, by Rosilea Schummer of Hungary.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

8 P. M.—Vespers. Speaker, I. Smith, '15.
8 P. M.—Chapel. Preacher, Dr. Anson Phelps Stokes, of Yale.

SENIOR RECEPTION TO THE GRADUATES VERY AMUSING

We shudder to think what the Quiz System might be: Petunia toga, Petunia soap, Petunia quiz-book, behind a Petunia screen, Nelson zealous in changing blotters every five minutes, confiscation of even pocket-handkerchiefs. The Seniors showed us the graduates versed in military discipline, marching up and down the aisles with batons to the toot of a hockey whistle.

Aida was effectively rendered in the stentorian tones of Helen Taft, assisted by other operatic stars of 1915.

Rockefeller showed its local talent in the heartrending skit, "Guido the Glimlet of Ghent," or "When Knighthood Was in Pod." Olga Erbslob drew applause and laughter at all times and particularly by her heroic ascent of the tower stairs with a final dramatic occupation of the tin foot tub.

Nineteen hundred and fifteen was so generous with its refreshments that even the inner man of the peanut gallery was satisfied.

UNDERGRADUATES MEET TO CONSIDER CUT RULE AGAIN

The Undergraduate Association will meet on Thursday evening, December 17th, at seven thirty. The meeting is called primarily to discuss the cut rule. At the last meeting the Undergraduates decided to ask the Faculty for a written statement of their reasons for refusing the Undergraduate petition. In answer to this request the Faculty instructed their secretary to reply "that final action having been taken, the Faculty has no further communication to make in regard to the rule regulating attendance at lectures."

The question of the formation of an Advisory Board, to take the place of the old board composed of the student council and the officers of the association, will also come before the meeting. The covering for the stage and the drop curtain needs renewing this year, and either the association or the classes must pay for them. Denhigh Hall Fiction Library is also in a sorry state. People will not subscribe unless there are new books, and there is no money for new books until people subscribe. Subscriptions must not only pay for books, but also the salary of the librarian. The Undergraduate Association started the library in the first place and has helped it along from time to time. An assessment of fifteen cents apiece would raise the necessary thirty dollars for the curtains and fifteen dollars for the fiction library.

ALUMNÆ NOTES

V. McKenney, '08, is president of the Richmond Branch of the Southern Association for College Women. The association is working to get Southern colleges properly ranked; the Richmond branch has been particularly active in the starting of the Westhampton College for Women, which is co-ordinate with Richmond College. The college was started this year. M. M. Taylor, '11, and F. Crenshaw, '12, are teaching there this year.

M. Scott, '11, is coaching hockey at the Chicago University.

M. Thompson, '12, is head of the Industrial Betterment Bureau of the Consumers' League in Philadelphia.

M. Peirce is studying at the Penn School for Social Service, and doing eight hours' field work for the Consumers' League and the Jefferson Hospital.

MRS. WILM AND DR. CONNER WILL PLAY AT RED CROSS CONCERT

On Saturday evening, a concert is to be given at eight o'clock in Taylor Hall, for the benefit of the Red Cross. Mrs. Wilm and Dr. Conner have kindly consented to play, and we hope that everyone will come and bring their friends. The price of admission is twenty-five cents for everyone connected with the College, and fifty cents for outsiders. Tickets may be bought in advance at 18-52 Pembroke West. The program is to be as follows:

Septette Beethoven
Miss Buchanan and Miss Gilder
Prelude—Claire de Lune Debussy
Mrs. Wilm
Trockne Blumen, Die Buse Farbe, Frühlingsraum, Litanied, Du bist die Ruh Schubert
Miss Knauth
Fantasie in F minor Chopin
Dr. Conner
Sonata No. 1 for violin and piano
César Franck
Miss Davidson and Miss Richter
Wiegenlied Brahms
Mit einer Primula Veris Grieg
Dor, mon enfant Wagner
Invitation au Voyage Godard
Sweet and Twenty E. E. Freer
The Year's at the Spring Beach
Miss Freer
Romanze (from E minor Concerto)
Chopin-Reinecke
Mrs. Wilm

SELF-GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER RULE IN REGARD TO DRIVING AFTER DARK

A meeting of the Self-Government Association has been called for Thursday, November 17th, at 1:30 p. m., at the request of ten members. The meeting is to reconsider the rule which states that students shall not ride or drive after dark unchaperoned. This rule has up to the present been interpreted literally, the use of cabs to and from the station has been the only exception permitted. The petition requests the association to amend the rule to read "that students shall not ride, drive or motor after dark with men (not chauffeurs) unchaperoned, or in a hired vehicle or without two other girls."

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NOTICE

Owing to Christmas vacation there will
be no issues of "The College News" on
December 24th and 31st.

HIBERNATION

Hibernation has set in at Bryn Mawr. Each student has wrapped herself in a skin of gray wool, shut her windows, ordered her fire and laid in a good store of cake and jam. This retrogressive stage takes place each year in the development of the educated woman, although she is supposed to demand better physical conditions. What can be the cause for this relapse? Many blame the fact that they do not get more fresh air on the exercise rules which require three periods of exercise, two of which must be taken in the gymnasium. The work in the gymnasium certainly has its advantages—better carriage, physical co-ordination and grace. Two days in the week does not seem too much to devote to this when there are three other days, not counting Saturday and Sunday, which can be given up to outdoor exercise. This next objection is that if you play water polo you take all your exercise indoors. Still there is one day left for the water polo players to be outdoors, and they constitute a minority of the students. There is one difficulty left, work has piled up so we must have more time for study. Is our winter work any better than our fall and spring work because it is more continuous? Do we not work better for having exercise, at any rate fresh air and change of thought? Few people study more than eight or nine hours and of the seven or eight other hours of day they might spend at least one in physical development. But there is another unfortunate result of this hibernation, more time is spent socially and this means the reverse of plain living and high thinking. Teas have more dainties now that the restrictions of the

hockey training rules are removed and again only a few are training for water polo. If we are trying to economize this year it would seem to be for our own good to do it on our winter store of nuts and candles. The exercise rules and overwork are not the causes of our cessation of activity, but our own inertia.

THE NEW FIRE SYSTEM

After the long delay, made necessary by much red tape, the fire drill system has been reformed. At the time of the Wellesley fire last year, everyone became aware how inefficient our system was. The new regulations are a true reform in many ways. They will save time alone in closing windows, doors and accounting for the occupants of the rooms and emptying the building all at once. The use of one staircase at a given signal is a wise provision. One might suggest the addition of a signal for the use of the fire escape. The system on the whole shows careful planning and consideration. There is, we think, however, one fundamental and most important defect in the system. People do not like fire drills, they take no pains with them, no pride in them, cut them whenever it is possible, complain of them and curse them, and make the lives of the fire captains miserable. Will the new system stop that? Good fire drills depend on the spirit in which they are carried out. Is this the way to get the good-will of the College, to give out four pages of written instructions, to call meetings of aides which are snafle for non-attendance? To tell people they must, to call the majority "ordinary students," and to herd them out "like dumb and driven cattle"? Decidedly no. The thing to do is to arouse a feeling of co-operation. It would be ever advisable if more stress would be laid upon a competition of speed between the halls. To publish for example the individual rate in each hall, or for each corridor. Some plan like this and some abridgment of the details of the rules and more consideration on the part of the hall captains would make this new system a sure and permanent success.

ORAL STATISTICS

For the benefit of future "Oralists" we offer the following suggestions, gleaned from the experiences of sadder but wiser Seniors.

Don't try to place your cap on the presidential desk to appear at your ease.

Don't think you can help your friends in the corridor by translating at the top of your lungs. The device is too obvious.

Don't, don't, don't (as one of our reverend editors did) translate *Görz* and *Wörter* as "charm" and "worth." If you

don't know a proper name when you see it, omit it.

The following statistics were compiled from the forty-eight Seniors in regard to the "essential condition for passing":

Be confident; appear to know more than you do (say 33 per cent).

Don't "bluff" whatever you do. Be quite honest. If you can't guess with a reasonable degree of success, confess your ignorance. Don't, as one of our number, call "*Iphegenia auf Taurusa*," "*Iphegenia on the bull*." It makes a bad impression (69 2/3 per cent).

Read slowly and accurately. This is more important than fluency in translation (42 per cent).

Read quickly and glibly. It is rapidity and catching the sense of a passage that counts (69 per cent).

If you are allowed to read only one passage it is a bad sign. The judges evidently can stand no more (1 per cent).

If you are allowed to read only one passage it is a good sign. You have convinced the examiners of your knowledge at once (79 4/9 per cent).

CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN

(The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for the opinions expressed in this column.)

Dear Editors:

Hockey is over and football has ended its brief career. Two nights a week we go shivering across the campus to practice water-polo, the most strenuous game that most of us will ever play. Yet if, after three months of faithful practice and effort to produce a "real team," we win the water-polo championship, we have won no more glory for our class than if through the conspicuous skill of one or two athletes they had gained swimming meet or track meet. Our class name is engraved on a cup and on the panels of the trophy room in the Gymnasium, but our banner is not hung out. We have engaged in a "minor sport."

There is no real reason why water-polo should not be put on an equal footing with basket-ball and hockey and why our banner should not be hung in the Gymnasium, for this as well as for any other sport, for it requires just as much grit and teamwork as either of the so-called "major sports." In a system of hanging the banner in the Gymnasium for one winter sport indoor game, the College year would be divided into three nearly equal parts, whereas at present the banner for hockey hangs out for five months of the College year and the banner for basket-ball for less than three months. We now have a Varsity water-polo team whose members receive the highest individual athletic honor in College—a B.M.

Why should we not give the class whose water-polo team is victorious the highest class honor?

E. T. S.

Dear Editors:

In reply to L. Garfield's letter may I suggest that if the Religious Meetings Committee would not have so many ministers who preach at the Presbyterian Church in the morning, Chapel might be better attended. The Presbyterians do not go because they have already heard the preacher, and the rest of the College do not care for Chapel as a Presbyterian annex.

* Two members of the Christian Ass'n.

LOUISE BOLTON-SMITH

To those of us who had the privilege of knowing her, Louise Bolton-Smith will always remain an inspiring memory. A mind quick to grasp essentials, an energy which knew no bounds and a charm and vivacity which drew and held all those with whom she came in contact, went to form a personality which once known could never be forgotten. Always ambitious to do and to do well, to extend her experiences and to enjoy each opportunity, there were few activities which she did not share with us in her year at College. Her enforced absence from home and her illness during the last two years were borne with a determination and self-sacrifice rare in a younger person. The termination of a life so full of promise and courage has come as a shock even to those who knew it was inevitable. The memory of her life will remain always with those who knew and loved her.

CAMPUS NOTES

There will be special music this coming Sunday at the Christmas service. The anthem is "Sanctus," by Dudley Buck.

On Monday evening the choir will sing carols on the campus. The order will be, 8 o'clock at the Deanery, then to Rockefeller, Dean Reilly's, Yarrow, Faculty Row, Low Buildings, Abernethy's, Radnor, Merlon, Benbigh, Pembroke.

At a meeting of the Bryn Mawr Equal Suffrage Association last week, Dean Reilly was the guest of honor. Dean Reilly gave an interesting report of the National Equal Suffrage Convention held at Nashville, of the struggle between the Congressional and National Union in the election of officers, and of the future policy adopted by the convention.

The Metropolitan Opera House has offered orchestra \$1.50 seats for \$1.00 to members of Bryn Mawr College, for the performance of "The Serenade" on January 21st. These tickets must be obtained

from Dean Maddison's office before January 14th.

German Orals. Forty-five Seniors took the second oral examination in German; twenty-five failed.

1917. Josephine Itanlet is engaged to Henry Swift, 1915, Harvard, Ekora Ulmer is engaged to Loula Conrad.

TRIP OF INVESTIGATION UNDER COLLEGE SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION

Saturday morning, Miss Applebee and seventeen students went on a trip through the printing press of "The Evening Telegraph," and then to a luncheon at the College Settlement. The Settlement Committee of the Christian Association arranged the trip and it was such a success that others like it are to be planned.

At "The Evening Telegraph" building we saw the newspapers waiting for papers. "The College News" newsboys stared hard to get information as to how to be like really truly ones, but they were rather disheartened, for the typical newsboy seemed characterized by three things: a rather grimy red sweater, a rakish cloth cap, and a jaw gifted with the virtue of perpetual motion. We saw the editors writing busily in a closed room, and then we came to the linotype machines. We watched the men press keys like a typewriter and make the machines turn out whole lines of moulded type. Next we saw them arrange the type and then we skidded into a low room past great machines that thrashed and changed and turned printed papers almost faster than we could count.

When we reached the Settlement House a delicious lunch was served, enlivened by the shouts of a lot of small boys playing basket-ball. After lunch we went through the Settlement school and the music school, where several of the pupils played for us. One glance at their keen, eager faces told how they enjoyed it.

The trip interested and thrilled us so that we all wanted to learn more, and we felt much indebted to the committee who planned it.

THE LIBERAL CLUB

The class for the study of social problems has received a new lease on life. Since Mr. Norman Hapgood lectured under its auspices, its membership has more than doubled; and set a stamp upon its sense of importance and general prosperity. It has rebaptized itself, and acquired an unequivocal status as the Liberal Club. For a while, no single name seemed to be forthcoming large enough to shelter its heterogeneous mem-

bership. For in this organization, as in a hypothetical paradise, the lion and the lamb live peaceably side by side. Here anarchist and teetotaler, vivisectionist, pacifist, militarist, suffragist, syndicalist, and co-operative culinary reformer meet amicably together. Within so wide a range of interest and faith, it might well be asked what sympathy or article of belief seems as a common bond among its members. The bond is not far to seek. It is the shared conviction that every subject, however guarded by authority and prejudice and tradition, is debatable ground; and that the first duty of man is to carve out from the mass of inherited opinions those which he can assert with honesty and self-respect as his individual reactions upon the universe.

At a recent meeting of the club the following officers were elected: President, Helen Parkhurst, '11; vice-president, Susan Brandeis, '15; secretary, Virginia Pomeroy, '18; treasurer, Eugenia Holcombe, '17. H. H. P.

ORDER OF THE HOLY CROSS

The Order of the Holy Cross, to which Father Officer belongs, was founded in New York in 1881. The monastery is at West Park, N. Y. The order is for priests and laymen having as its objects: The cultivation of the spiritual life of its members, the performance of good works, especially the conducting of retreats, conferences and missions. The order has in charge Kent School for Boys, Connecticut, also a school for mountain boys in Sewanee, Tenn. The priests not in charge of these schools or having duties at the monastery spend their time holding retreats and missions and taking charge of churches. Father Officer, in particular, works for the Church Mission of Help, a society for the care of wayward girls, which is doing such splendid work in New York City.

COMMITTEE OF MERCY

A branch of the National Committee of Mercy, consisting of S. R. Smith, chairman; M. G. Brownell, S. Brandeis, S. F. Nichols, has been formed at College. This committee will work as a sub-committee of the College Red Cross, but has been formed with the especial purpose of sending help to the refugees and non-combatants in Europe. That we may contribute in some small part to the comfort of the destitute women and children at this time of year, the committee suggests that we do not give College Christmas presents and that the equivalent of what we would spend in this way be sent to the non-combatants.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

There will be a dally prayer meeting, 8.30 a. m., in the C. A. Library.

On Tuesday, at 9.30 p. m., there will be a prayer circle in Rockefeller No. 2.

Federation Committee—There will be a meeting of the Federation Committee in the C. A. Library at 1.30 p. m., Thursday, December 17th.

A short account of the Federation Committee has been placed on the Federation desk in the C. A. Library. Copies have also been given to each member of the Reference Committee: Radnor, W. Savage; Merion, N. Hamill; Denbigh, G. Bryant; Pembroke, East, M. M. Thomson; Pembroke, West, A. Lee; Rockefeller, L. Garfield.

The permanent sub-committees of the Federation Committee have been posted on the C. A. bulletin board and on the Federation desk.

Employment Bureau—The Fiction Library, in Denbigh, started by Miss Donnelly, has made a fresh start this year, with many new books and lots of good old ones. For fifty cents you can become a subscriber and have all the books you can read. The more subscribers, the more new books we can buy, and we will be glad to get new books for the library on your suggestion. We are always glad to receive any of your books. For further particulars come and see the librarian, 72 Denbigh.

Sewing Committee—Today all Christmas dolls and stockings are due. Please give them to the person in your hall who distributed them. An exhibition of the things will be held in the Gymnasium this evening.

Junk Committee—We want to thank all the members of the College who contributed clothing and presents for the box sent to Spring Street. About one hundred families will receive bundles. If anyone who is in New York for Christmas wants something interesting to do, go to 241 Spring Street and help Miss Applebee pack and deliver bundles, wash babies and be generally useful. Boxes were also sent to the Kensington Settlement and the Downingtown Colored School.

NEW SYSTEM OF FIRE DRILLS
MODELED AFTER WELLESLEY

The purpose of the new system of fire drills is to do away with all the confusion and futility of the drills of the past. In the old system time was lost and confusion caused by persons coming from a distant part of the building to the assembly place and receiving orders where to go to another part of the building.

The result was wasted energy and time for those sent on draughts and warnings, and enormous responsibility on the lieutenants to remember whom they had sent, and where they had sent them. To remedy this, the squad system has been adopted. According to this system, the aide of each squad at the sound of the alarm is responsible for her squad and acts immediately without any loss of time in receiving orders. After seeing that all of her squad are out of their rooms and that all windows have been closed, she goes to her assembled squad, and since each person is arranged in a definite order, she can tell at a glance who are absent, and these names she reports to the lieutenant in charge who has the roll book. In this way much time is saved, and the lieutenant in charge has an account of everyone, and has entrusted nothing to her memory.

The drills will always be conducted exactly as in a fire. The alarm will be the same, and only the lieutenants will know whether it is a drill or a fire. The sole purpose of the drill is to get everyone out of the building in an orderly way and to have everyone accounted for. The actual fighting of the fire will be done only by the trained Fire Fighting Brigade, composed of men, the head fire captain, the six hall captains, and six hall lieutenants, all under the leadership of Mr. Tom Foley. The ordinary students will, therefore, not be allowed to attempt to put the fire out. Her sole duty is to shut her own windows, provide herself with a wet towel and heavy clothing and form in squads in an orderly way and thus be accounted for. If each person realizes that her part in the drill, though simple, is very important, the system will be very direct and effective.

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